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## **IDOT Celebrates Black History Month**

**SPRINGFIELD** – To celebrate Black History Month, the Illinois Department of Transportation's Office of Business and Workforce Diversity will be hosting a minority vendor fair and a soul food buffet. Both events will be at IDOT's Harry Hanley Building, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, in Springfield.

- **Vendor Fair – Feb. 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Minority vendors will display and offer a variety of goods and services related to Black History Month. All vendor registration fees will be donated to the Springfield NAACP to coordinate a tour of historically black colleges for area students. Admission is free.
- **"A Taste of Soul" – Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** A soul food tasting will offer a variety of homemade entrees, desserts and drinks prepared by IDOT volunteers. Tickets for the event will be sold at the door for \$5 and \$7. All proceeds will go to the Springfield Boys & Girls Club.

"The Illinois Department of Transportation is proud to honor Black History Month with these two great events that are benefitting worthwhile causes," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn. "I urge you to stop by our offices to see all of the merchandise at the vendor fair and sample all of the good food to eat at 'A Taste of Soul.'"

For more information on either event, contact IDOT's Office of Business and Workforce Diversity at (217) 782-2762.